

As a citizen of Columbus, Indiana, and the United States I am formally stating my opposition to proceeding 17-108. Allowing an Internet Service Provider, whether wired or wireless, to pick and choose which data is important or unimportant or any other quality is abhorrent.

Imagine the voice carriers of ten or twenty years ago being allowed to pick and choose which of your calls were important, limiting a phone call to five minutes if placed to business - or government agency, or political party - that wasn't on their approved list of organizations. The Internet, as amazing as it is, is simply a connection between computers. Service providers should be limited to connecting you out to those computers and otherwise have no say in what it is you do. They charge premiums for speed, fine. They exploit market monopolies to gouge customers, well God Bless America I guess that's how it works. But allowing them any more power than they are already exercising is purely anti-customer and anti-citizen.

Chairman Pai's approach seems to be to trust ISPs to behave and if they don't well surely market pressures will solve the problem. This is completely untenable - every single facet of American government shows this is pure fantasy. This is a nation where industry writes its own law, where competition is a hassle to be eliminated by buyouts and lobbyists.

I have no doubt there is a better way to regulate these service providers - AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY - than the current Title II classification but let the FCC or Congress show that regulation first. Chairman Pai's recommendation of letting the (rabid, known to be untrustworthy) dogs off the leash and seeing what happens is gross negligence.